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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: CRAWFORD, CHARLES K.

Group Art Unit: 3676

Serial No.: 10/014,164

Examiner: Alison K. Pickard

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For: **MINIMAL THICKNESS, DOUBLE-SIDED FLANGES
FOR ULTRA-HIGH VACUUM**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This amendment is being filed concurrently with a Continuation Application filed under 37 CFR 1.53b and is being filed within three months of final Office Action mailed April 10, 2003 (Paper No. 5). Please enter the following amendment prior to examination and consider the following remarks.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this Preliminary Amendment. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this Preliminary Amendment, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account No. 08-1391.

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